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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and CSX Transportation Inc. and its affiliates (CSX) have identified a site for the Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility in Baltimore City and that federal funds will no longer be sought for the project.

In March 2011, MDOT and CSX identified four candidate sites in suburban counties of Central Maryland for a new intermodal container transfer facility (ICTF) capable of handling double-stack intermodal trains. Since federal funds were anticipated for construction, you assigned the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as the lead federal agency and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) as a cooperating agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review in November 2011.

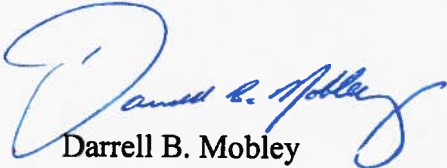
In order to reduce development costs and accelerate project delivery, CSX evaluated the feasibility of constructing the new ICTF on existing CSX property. Following an investigation period during the summer and fall of 2012, CSX determined that a scaled down ICTF could be built at their Mount Clare Yard in southwest Baltimore City. Since the Mount Clare Yard is owned by CSX and already used for railroad activities, the cost of redeveloping the site into a double-stack ICTF is much less expensive than the Central Maryland sites. MDOT and CSX are therefore able to fund the project entirely with state and private funds, without federal assistance. As such, we believe that FHWA and FRA no longer have a role under NEPA for this project.

At this time, MDOT and CSX have ended all investigations at the original four candidate sites (Beltsville, Hanover, Jessup and Montevideo) and are focusing all planning activities to the Mount Clare Yard site. Our current schedule is to have the Mount Clare Yard facility operational in May 2015. This date coincides with the opening of the expanded Panama Canal and the completion of CSX's National Gateway double-stack clearance project.

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Thank you for your continued assistance. If you should need additional information, please contact Mr. Leif Dormsjo, MDOT's Acting Deputy Secretary at 410-865-1006 or by email at [ldormsjo@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:ldormsjo@mdot.state.md.us). Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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